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Public Notice **Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Boiler and Industrial Furnace (BIF) Permit** **And Proposed CEQA Negative Declaration**

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EPA I.D. No CAD 076528678

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) requests comments on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility BIF Permit and proposed CEQA Negative Declaration for Hazardous Waste treatment and storage units at Dow Chemical's facility in Pittsburg, CA. If approved, the permit will allow Dow Chemical Company the continued storage of hazardous waste generated onsite and its processing in halogen acid furnaces. The treatment units consist of two boiler & industrial furnaces (also known as halogen acid furnaces) and associated hydrochloric acid recovery and air pollution control systems.

DTSC has evaluated the potential environmental impacts of this project as required by, and in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). DTSC proposes to issue a Negative Declaration for this project. The proposed Negative Declaration states that pursuant to the CEQA Section 21064, the proposed project would not result in significant adverse impacts to human health and the environment.

The public is invited to comment on the draft Hazardous Waste Facility BIF permit and proposed Negative Declaration during a 50-day public comment period, which starts on September 20, 2002 and ends November 8, 2002.

DTSC is holding a second public comment period in response to comments made by members of the community at the first public hearing. The commentors requested further review of environmental impacts and expanded outreach to the community.

DTSC is responding to the community, by holding a second public comment period, publishing the public notice and the fact sheet in Spanish, preparing a written Response to Comments, and conducting a community assessment. At the close of the comment period, DTSC will make a final determination after considering all comments. Comments must be postmarked no later than November 8, 2002. Mail comments to:

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The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Web-site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

On Thursday October 24, 2002 at 4:00 PM DTSC will hold a public workshop and at 7:00 PM, a public hearing will take place at the following address:

**Pittsburg City Hall
65 Civic Avenue
Pittsburg, CA 94565**

Meeting Accessibility

For information on accessibility and to request reasonable accommodations, please call Jesus Cruz at (510) 540-3933 at least one week in advance of the meeting.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired

You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Jesus Cruz at (510) 540-3933 regarding the Dow Chemical Site.

At the public workshop DTSC representatives will explain and discuss with the public the proposed project, the draft permit and the CEQA determination. After the workshop, DTSC will hold a public hearing on the draft permit and draft CEQA negative declaration. A court reporter will be available to record all comments made.

The full administrative record for this project is available for review at the DTSC Berkeley office file room at the address above. Please call (510) 540-3800 for an appointment. The draft Hazardous Waste Facility Boiler and Industrial Furnace Permit, permit application, CEQA Initial Study and proposed CEQA Negative Declaration are also available for review at the following locations:

Pittsburg Public Library
80 Power Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565
(925- 427-8390

Antioch Public Library
501 West 18th Street, Antioch CA 94509
(925) 757-9224